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SUBJECT: BUSINESS PRACTICES OF AUSTRALIAN FIRMS IN SA

1. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY ECON/ POL OFFICER CALLED ON EMBASSY TO DISCUSS GENERAL QUESTION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES OF US FIRMS IN SA AND OBTAIN COPY EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES PAPER. BASIS OF INQUIRY WAS FRONT PAGE REPORT IN AUSTRALIAN PAPER CHARGING AUSTRALIAN FIRMS WITH LOW WAGES IN SA AND CONSEQUENT EMBASSY CONCERN THAT UK- TYPE EXPOSE MIGHT FOLLOW. ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN OFFICER, AUSTRALIAN DIRECT INVESTMENT IN SA VERY MODEST WITH ONLY ONE 100 O/ O OWNED SUBSIDIARY. HE GAVE OPINION THAT CURRENT AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT LIKELY TO BE RESPONSIVE TO PRESSURES ON THIS SCORE. HE SAID THAT UP TO NOW AUSTRALIA HAS FOLLOWED PRAGMATIC APPROACH ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SA, I. E. TRADE COMMISSIONER PUSHING TRADE AND INVESTMENT. FOR MOMENT, EMBASSY SIMPLY SEEKING BACKGROUND INFO.

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